

**CAMDEN HARBOR COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF
AUGUST 5, 2013
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Gene McKeever, Vice-Chairman Ben Ellison, Steve Gold, Ben Cashen, Richard Stetson, and Harbormaster Pixley.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: Sid Lindsley

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 a.m.

1. NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Sid Lindsley addressed the committee concerning a right of way land that was gifted to the Town of Camden on Bay View Street by the Baldwin Family in 1938 and the land has now been deeded to the Town of Camden by the Passeri Family feels that this is a valuable asset to the harbor and should be used. There are some restrictions that are in the deed to the town by the Passeri 's however, it could be put to use for the harbor. Sid feels that the land is an important access point to the harbor. The committee agreed and asked the Harbor Clerk to look into the deeds and pass them on to the committee members for discussion at the September meeting.

Ben Ellison spoke to the committee about his recent visit to Northeast Harbor and the tremendous improvements they have done to their harbor facilities. He spoke of the great bathroom/shower facilities available and the rentals of their moorings. Steve Gold voiced his concerns on the amount of cigarette butts that are left at the bench near the waterfalls. Harbormaster Pixley said he cleans them up continuously and that he will be posting a "No Smoking" sign in that area and around the harbor as the Town has a policy in place now that there is no smoking on town property. Gene McKeever thanked everyone who attended the River Walk Meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF JULY 8TH MINUTES:

Richard Stetson motioned to accept minutes as written. Steve Gold seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

3. VOTE IN OFFICER'S FOR COMMITTEE:

Steve Gold motioned to accept officer's that are currently in place: Gene McKeever – Chairman, Ben Ellison – Vice Chairman, and Sandy Welte – Secretary. Ben Cashen seconded motion. Passed 5-0-0.

4. HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:

Harbormaster Pixley reported that he is ready to replace bridge system at head of harbor as he has received the bolts needed. He is the process of being inspected for the MTSA Port Program. Chairman McKeever asked him about the water quality at Laite Beach as he was approached by a Select Board Member concerning the beach being rated as the 9th worst water quality on the coast. Pixley said that he had been searching for possible reasons with Wastewater Superintendent Ross Parker and cannot find any issue at this time.

5. OUTHAUL AT CURTIS ISLAND:

Steve Gold reported to the committee that the Select Board had approved placing the outhaul at Curtis Island and that it is 2/3 completed. Chairman McKeever thanked Steve for his work in making this happen.

6. HOIST AT HARBOR:

Chairman McKeever told the committee that the Select Board is in agreement that a hoist is needed at the harbor and that this will happen in the future.

7. PUBLIC LANDING UPDATE:

Chairman McKeever feels that Ty Lin Engineers have a very good handle on the River Walk Project and that they are now coming together with the ideas of what the citizens would like to see happen with this project. The committee would like to see a viewing platform at the harbor that gives you a better view over the waterfalls.

8. ORDINANCE REVIEW UPDATE:

Harbormaster Pixley updated the committee on the progress of the ordinance updates. He told the committee that the ordinance updates are at a point that one final review is needed by the committee and then will present to the Harbor Committee and hopefully, submit to the Select Board for their approval to be on the November warrant, if all goes well.

9. INNER HARBOR FLOAT WAIT LIST PROPOSAL:

Ben Ellison feels that the analysis that was drafted by Steve Gold has a few flaws and he would like to be able to refute them for the next meeting to be discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for September 9th at 7:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marlene Libby
Harbor Clerk